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Re: October 2016 Quarterly Report

Dec 1, 2016

Dear Mr. Fortkiewicz:

I am responding to your November 8 letter, which inquires about eight independent expenditures of Civic Innovation USA, Inc. (?CIUSA?) during August and September concerning the presidential election. CIUSA acknowledges that its reporting of these independent expenditures was late. Specifically, a report of the first four expenditures, totaling \$11,255.50, was due on August 31; a report of the next two, totaling \$17,180.35, was due on September 17, and a report of the last two, also totaling \$17,180.35, was due on September 22. The late reporting of these expenditures was entirely unintentional and inadvertent.

CIUSA is a non-connected committee that was created in 2013, began active operations in 2014, and has operated intermittently since then. CIUSA relies on a few volunteers to manage and implement its administration, fundraising and reporting compliance, and it has never employed staff, even part-time. The independent expenditures that CIUSA reported on September 28 were its first such expenditures ever. CIUSA?s volunteers were unaware that the message content of their public communications required reporting on a 48-hour basis. Late in the afternoon on September 28, they became aware of this obligation while engaged in unrelated activities. They immediately contacted legal counsel for guidance, and, in the next several hours prepared and filed the 48-hour report covering all of CIUSA?s 2016 independent expenditures to date. CIUSA has since complied with this reporting requirement, filing a timely 24-hour report on October 28, and it has taken measures to ensure its full compliance with all of the reporting requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

We note that the late-filed 48-hour report disclosed all of CIUSA?s independent expenditures to the public nearly six weeks before the general election, which as a practical matter mitigated the impact of the report?s lateness in terms of the public?s opportunity to consider the expenditures in making their voting decisions. (The report post-dated the start of early voting in just four states (MN, SD, VA and VT), and, of course, many millions of dollars of independent expenditures by others occurred and were reported well after such voting took place in many states.) Again, it was not CIUSA?s intention to report any of its expenditures in an untimely manner. We also note that your letter implicitly acknowledges that the report itself was complete and compliant other than with respect to its timing.

For these reasons we respectfully submit that the Commission should take no further action concerning this matter.

Yours truly,  
Daniel Hausman  
Treasurer